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WITHIN THE WEEK

The death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, announced at our press hour, is too shocking and momentous a matter for hasty comment. We shall reserve detailed discussion for our next issue.

What is developing in Europe—and developing at a dizzying speed—is a series of encirclement operations which, when completed, should result in the pocketing of substantial segments of Nazi forces. It is to be expected that this will bring about wholesale surrender of German army units, but of course it does not necessarily follow that Nazi gov't will capitulate.

As to VE-Day, we emphasize again that initiative of proclamation appears to rest with Allied powers. If this remains true, then formal end of war will, in some degree, be stage-managed by Big Powers. That is to say, the official date (announced simultaneously in all Allied countries) will be selected for maximum propaganda effect. It will depend upon status of reconversion and demobilization plans, and the program for transferring forces to Pacific. Certainly it will be timed to result in minimum chaos and confusion.

GOLD: Discovery of Nazi gold hoards throws spotlight on interesting phenomenon here in U S. With most of world's gold (our reserves top \$20 billion) we're actually in a spot where we soon will not have enough to meet self-imposed standard legal reserves.

Situation is too involved to develop in detail, but before yr's end gold reserve of Federal Reserve banks will have fallen below 40% minimum fixed by Congress in original Act, 32 yrs ago. Here's simplified explanation: (1) Declining ratio results in part from gold losses due to wartime international trade. Some countries (particularly our Latin neighbors) have enjoyed huge exports without buying much from us in return. (2) More important reason for decline is rapid rise of liabilities against which gold is held as reserve. Increase in paper money has been fantastic. We're now circulating \$26 billion, or about 3 times prewar amount. Federal banks carry increasingly heavy share of public debt. They own some \$19 billion of Gov't bonds; will add more in next War Loan campaign.

Several things might be done to ease situation, but most probable move is that Congress will lower gold reserve requirement to approximately 25%. This would cause some pressure on our dollar in foreign markets, resulting, probably, in higher cost of imported articles.



SHIFTING SANDS

You have been hearing a good deal lately about the guaranteed annual wage. And it isn't all talk. Some strongly seasonal industries are laying plans to even peaks and valleys. Shoe industry, in particular, is struggling toward 52-work-wk plan, taking in all segments from tanners to retailers. Nat'l Shoe Mfgs Ass'n started movement. . . . While we talk of lowering tariffs to promote international trade, some of our Latin neighbors are taking opposite course. They explain this as temporary expedient to prevent flood of wares from "exporting" nations, which would drain cash reserves and credits needed for purchase of heavy industrial equipment. Whatever the reason, implication is clear: S American countries intend strict control of imports. . . . If product is made of lumber, paper or cloth you can expect scarcity well up into next year. These raw material shortages cannot be quickly overcome. Metals, generally, are more plentiful.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"If we do not rise up in burning anger now, when will we ever do so?"—Ex-Premier Gen'l KUNIAKI KOISO.

"Something must be done to curb teen-age girls taking to the roads vacated by the bees."—JEFF DAVIS, pres, Hoboes of America, Inc.

"Military developments do not allow any optimism." — Admiral BARON ANTARO SUZUKI, new Japanese Prime Minister, in his 1st broadcast since the formation of his new cabinet.

"There'll be a marked increase in polite phrases while using the phone around here from now on."—Communications officer on Guam where 14 native girls are serving as telephone operators for the Signal Corps.

"You are established as the world's best gold digger."—Note to Gen'l PATTON, awarding him lifetime invitation to annual Gold Diggers ball in Phoenix, Ariz by virtue of the 3rd Army's seizure of Germany's gold bullion cache.

"I've got my boots laced on tight, am really hep and definitely in the groove."—LAWRENCE TIBBETT, Metropolitan opera star, asked to comment on his new role as featured soloist on the *Hit Parade* radio show.

"If the article . . . does any good, losing my membership in Pi Beta Phi is a small sacrifice."—Mrs GLENN FRANK, widow of former Univ of Wisconsin president, whose article, criticizing the fraternity-sorority system in American colleges, (*Woman's Home Companion*, 4-'45) drew prompt dismissal from her own sorority, Pi Beta Phi.

"I don't want any favors. I am just an ordinary Finn and I don't want to be treated differently than my fellow countrymen."—JEAN SIELZUS, now in his 80th yr, considered by many the greatest living composer. The statement quoted was in response to a suggestion that benefit concerts be held in England and U S to ease stringent conditions which war has imposed upon him.

"MAY WE

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YOU ON THAT?"

"I wish people over here would go over and live on the British ration for just one month. They'd be glad to have ours."—ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

"They can't fine you \$65 for fraternizing with dogs." — American soldiers in Germany, asked why the Yanks were feeding and petting so many canine mongrels.

"Now my wife will know where her chicken and egg money went." —Farmer, of Poplar Bluff, Mo, as he paid his fine for being "drunk and disorderly" and then asked for a receipt to show his wife.

"We are in a position where every square yd of soil must be tilled; every waste lot must be used to grow food, even every flower pot." —German Ministry of Food spokesman, quoted by the news agency DNB.

"They were eating raisin bread and I never saw anything more beautiful in my life."—Sgt EDGAR D GARWOOD, of Troy, Ohio, arriving at an American medical station after his release from a German prison camp.

"We shall be healthier (after the war in Europe ends) if we can force ourselves to understand that we face an unending, more than lifelong, task of making this a somewhat saner world."—SAMUEL GRANTON, in *N Y Post*.

"I am a Pied Piper, but I play a different tune from what they expected."—Col WALTER JOHNSON who, with his 117th Infantry, entered the city of Hamelin, and rounded up nearly 1,000 German soldiers as he moved through the town.

"I favor the extermination of the Japanese—in toto."—PAUL V McNUTT, chairman of the War Manpower Commission.

"Just put some men in it!"—Reply of an office sec'y asked to describe the kind of a postwar world in which she would like to live.

"Of course I am proud to be the only volcano owner in the world, but I can't farm on it and farming is the only thing I can do."—DIONISIO PULIDO, advertising in Mexican newspaper *Excelsior* that his Paricutin volcano is for sale—cheap.

"It's my false teeth; they drove me to drink."—Alibi of a defendant in Akron, O, police court, appearing on his 4th intoxication charge in 5 wks. The Judge gave him 10 days confinement to become accustomed to the new dentures.

"I don't want the money for myself. I want to give it to the relief of European refugees."—Mrs CONRAD N HILTON, estranged wife of N Y hotel man, who seeks \$10 million in divorce settlement. (She is former SARI GABOR who was voted "Miss Hungary of '36.")

"We wouldn't care too much if they just took the pepper, but we're running out of shakers."—HENRY C DICKSON, pres of Baker Hotel in Dallas, Tex, complaining of growing practice of hotel guests to take home souvenirs, ranging from pepper shakers to sheets and blankets. (Light fingered guests have always presented a problem, but situation is becoming more serious since many articles cannot be replaced.)

"We don't have any trouble with racial problems down here and we don't intend to encourage any by showing movies like this."—LLOYD T BINFORD, chairman of Memphis, Tenn, Board of Motion Picture Censors, announcing that picture *Brewster's Millions* has been banned there because it "presented too much familiarity between races." Rochester (EDDIE ANDERSON), the Negro comedian, has an important role in the picture.

"We are looking down the Mikado's throat."—Lt Gen'l SIMON BOLIVAR BUCKNER, Jr, commander of the U S 10th Army.

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"The enclosed cash is for a play-suit; the clerks were busy."—Unsigned note sent with money to manager of a store in Omaha, Neb.

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"All I wanted was a pal."—FRANCIS VAN WIE, San Francisco street-car conductor who, this wk, drew 30-yr sentence for bigamy. He wed at least 12 women without formal-ity of divorce.

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"The deeper you dug, the hotter it got, and the longer you stayed, the deeper you dug."—Cpl ESTOL ROLEY, marine on Iwo Jima, describing fox holes steam-heated from sulphur springs just below the surface soil.

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"It is discouraging for those who try to legislate to continuously find Senators' places empty."—Sen ROBERT M LA FOLLETTE, Jr, complaining about fellow Senators playing hooky and demanding that their pay be docked for "absenteeism."

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"The fate of Germany was decided not on the Rhine, but on the Volga. Where are the Germans who should be defending Darmstadt, Mannheim, Frankfurt? They are in Russian soil." — ILYA EHRENBURG, Russian author and war correspondent.

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"The propositions that some education is better than none and that more is better than less are highly dubious. Some bad education is worse than none, and more bad education is worse than less."—Dr ROBT MAYNARD HUTCHINS, pres, U of Chicago.

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"If I live to be 90, I can get to the class of 1800."—CLIFFORD KENYON SHIPTON, Custodian of Harvard Archives, who is burrowing into dusty records of early graduates, writing up alumni biographies. Believing that "those who were hanged are just as important as the ones ordained," SHIPTON is by-passing none of Harvard's 88,000 grads.

"I have complete confidence in the stupidity of the Japanese."—Brig Gen'l FREDERIC SMITH.

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"Workers' education is a zero with the circle rubbed out."—A labor official, quoted by ANNE RAMSEY in *Commonweal*.

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"You can't eat a car."—Explanation of a bidder at a farm auction in Elmhurst, Ill, where ducks and roosters were knocked down quickly at prices ranging from \$2.25 to \$5 apiece, weight unimportant, but '36 model auto went unsold.

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"It is clear that those returning from the armed forces will dominate political trends in the nation for many years to come."—EDWARD N SCHEIBERLING, nat'l commander of the American Legion.

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"Once you get on 'Information Please' you're supposed to be an entertainer. Everybody wants you to appear at meetings to speak, sing, whistle, dance, walk on your hands."—JOHN KIERAN, in interview with *P M*.

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"Twelve million servicemen can be wrong. But who the hell's going to stop them from being?"—One Congressman's unofficial nightmare concerning the discharged veterans who already have made their plans for the future known in no uncertain terms.

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"Some of them called their wives but I don't think all of them believed it."—BERTON JENSEN, spokesman for group of Indianapolis Masons who dined together in downtown restaurant, found themselves locked in shortly after midnight. They had to wait until 1:30 a m for bartender to return and unlock the door.

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"Out of a half million Hungarian Jews who entered the camp at the time I did, 10 mo's ago, about 1000 are still left alive."—Dr BELA FABIAN, former pres Hungarian Independent Democratic party, testifying on activities of Nazis at Auschwitz concentration camp in Upper Silesia. (Dr FABIAN was freed by American troops when they overran Ohrdruf work camp, near Gotha.)

"A lot of soldiers like to take their mothers to shows and nights clubs. The curfew spoils their fun."—JOHN GOLDEN, N Y theatrical producer.

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"I was told by those who should know that he was a collaborationist."—LILY PONS, explaining her refusal to sing with MAURICE CHEVALIER at a USO canteen concert in Paris.

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"She has done nothing but criticize my equipment—and eat all my food."—Irate Boston Back Bay housewife, in letter to Better Business Bureau asking for advice on how to get rid of a maid.

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"The critical question is not whether we shall create power but whether we can produce people who know what to do with it."—HAROLD W STROKE, on his inauguration as pres of Univ of New Hampshire.

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"It has everything but Dorothy Lamour." — Lt Commander CHAS SPIEDEL, describing Navy recreational island, Mogmog, a glorified picnic ground in tropical setting where Navy men can spend "shore leave" when they can't get back to San Diego or Honolulu.



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COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

Why We Fight
PHILIP WYLIE

I think, perhaps, the next time I hear a speaker at a club lunch sound off with some line like, "Gentlemen, we, the peepul of the United States of America are fighting this world war for hoecake, hominy and shortenin' bread," I will rise to my full five-foot-ten, take hold of such pastry as always litters the table at such affairs, and chuck same squarely at the self-satisfied smirk of said speaker. . .

We are fighting because of the desperate condition of humanity today—our own, as well as the rest. We are fighting because if we hadn't fought, our world would have come to an end.

We are fighting because mankind is still savage and vicious. We are fighting in the hope that we may some day become what we now idiotically claim we are—decent.

We are fighting in a world of gruesome nonsense that can turn whole nations into abject maniacs by the simple use of bigotry and vanity for the exploitation of greed.

We are fighting because what happened to Germany could happen to us if we were careless, and we do not want it to happen again anywhere.

If you had been born in Germany, the violence let loose there would almost certainly have made a Nazi of you. But if you had been a German born here, the things we have to offer that are better than sandwiches and pies could have made you into an American like the late Wendell Willkie.

That difference is what the fight's about.—*Abridged from a syndicated column.*

ABUNDANCE

An old woman who had never enjoyed many comforts or pleasures in her life was seeing the ocean for the first time. She stood with folded hands and looked at it.

"It's the first thing I've ever seen," she said, "that there's enough of."—ZULA BENNINGTON GREENE, *Capper's Weekly*.

ASPERITY

Mud thrown is ground lost.—*The Woman*.

CAPITALISM

The way to understand capitalism is not to memorize the long words economists use. It is to go some place where the people don't have it, and see what they do instead.—WILLIAM L WHITE, *Report on the Russians*. (Harcourt)

CHRISTIANITY—Evidenced

A man has no right to call himself a Christian unless the virtues of Christianity are in his life. I do not ask for degree, but I do ask that they be there. If you have a plant in a pot for 10 yrs that has never put out a leaf or shown the least symptoms of life, what reason have you to believe it is alive at all? It looks uncommonly like a bit of dead stick.—ALEXANDER MACLAREN.

CONDUCT

Sir Edward Grey was once asked by a young inquirer whether he found it difficult as Foreign Secretary to reconcile his private morality with his public functions. "Well, you see," he said, after a long pause, "I have discovered that to do the right thing is generally the right thing to do."—HAROLD NICOLSON, "Men and Circumstances," *Foreign Affairs*, 4-45.

CO-OPERATION

We can save our own souls in the privacy of our separate theologies. But we can save society only together.—STANLEY HIGH, "Let's Have More 'Clevelands'!" *Christian Century*, 3-28-45.

EFFICIENCY

In a mid-Manhattan skyscraper where there are 2 sets of Navy offices 3 floors apart, a lot of time

was lost transmitting papers from one floor to the other. Then a lieutenant commander got an idea. He sent a yeoman for a length of line, made an old galosh fast to it, strung the arrangement outside the windows, and ordered a buzzer system installed. Now, one office stuffs the galosh with official papers, buzzes the other office, somebody hauls away and that's all there is to it.—PM.

They DO say . . .

Successful Farming asked nation's agriculturists, "What rationed product do you find it hardest to cut down on?" Forty-three per cent answered "Sugar", against 9% gasoline, 5% meat, 2% shoes. Farmers get extra gasoline; raise own meats, canned goods, etc. . . Small, pocketsize, paper-bound books are getting big play in military convalescent hospitals. Many bedfast patients aren't strong enough to hold fullsize books. . . Our favorite definition of the month, from GEO PAPASHVILY'S *Anything Can Happen*: "A nervous breakdown is when your brain ain't interested in you any more." . . . And CRAIG RICE, in *The Writer*, tells how to put a mystery novel together: "Slip a clean sheet of paper in the typewriter. At the top, type 'page one'. Type the title, and your name in the center of the page. Type 'Chapter One' in the center of the page, about 4 spaces under your name. Then skip about 6 spaces. From there on, pal, you're on your own."

ENTERPRISE—Individual

The age when almost anyone could make a business go is long past. A hundred yrs ago, 16 out of every 20 people in America owned the means by which they made their livings. Today 17 out of 20 don't. Yr by yr, business has become more complex, more technical and more specialized—and the trend applies just as closely to the neighborhood grocery as to the big corporation.—LEO CHERNE, "So You Want Your Own Business," *This Wk*, 4-1-45.

FUTURE—Present

Many of us are waiting for a public announcement that the old world has been laid to rest and that a brand new world will be inaugurated as of a specific date. Few realize the obvious truth that the future is now. No visible chalk-line of demarcation exists between the present and the future. In the present are mingled the dying echoes of the past and the first lusty cries of the nascent future.—PIERRE VAN PASSEN, "The Future is NOW!" *Redbook*, 3-45.

GREATNESS—Defined

It is not the square miles but the square people who make a nation great.—*The Link*.

INSTRUCTION

A jaguar asked a cat to teach him how to jump. The cat obliged. After the 1st lesson, they took a walk together. Presently the cat, who was hungry, saw a mouse passing by and pounced on it.

The jaguar, who was hungry too, took advantage of the situation, and decided to jump on the cat—only to have the greatest deception of his life. The master, with the rapidity of lightning, jumped backwards. The jaguar, missing him, fell squarely on the ground.

"That is not fair," complained the big animal. "You did not teach me that trick!"

The cat smiled quietly and said, "A good teacher, my friend, never teaches all his tricks."—ERICO VERRISSIMO, *Brazilian Literature* (Macmillan)

KNOWLEDGE—Action

What we will most need in the crucial mo's ahead is the realism of the parent who does the best he can with the wisdom he had at the moment and improves the gov't of his household as wisdom and experience grow.—ERNEST MARTIN HOPKINS, pres, Dartmouth college, "Parents Can Be Peacemakers!" *Parents Magazine*, 4-45.

LABOR—Shortage

The Stineway Drug chain, in Chicago, has lately been using advertising space in local newspapers to admit that service has slumped

badly due to labor shortage, wage ceilings, etc. "We don't want sympathy," they say, "but if you've got a bit of understanding you can spare we can sure use it." This example is given to illustrate:

"One of our waitresses, at the breakfast hour, served coffee and toast to a patron. Ten min later she breezed in with the orange juice. The customer complained of the cockeyed sequence. 'Are you married?' asked the waitress. 'Yes,' said the customer, 'What's that got to do with it?' 'Well,' sez our dilemma, 'Why don't you have breakfast at home?'"

**After the Shooting
And the Shouting**

When the day of judgment comes and Germany has to disgorge the 10 nations, the old ikons, and the other trifles, she will say: "I am no thief. I am a kleptomaniac. I do not require punishment. I need treatment—with sermons, loans, and good American oatmeal."—Prophecy of the Russian novelist and war-correspondent, ILYA EHRENBURG.

LAW—Lawsuits

An English judge, knowing the pitfalls of the law and the damage a suit, no matter how unjust, can do a man once said:

"If a man stopped me on London Bridge and threatened to kill me if I did not give him my watch and money, I would try to defend myself, old as I am.

"But if he said, 'If you do not instantly give me your watch and money I will sue you in the Court of Chancery' I would hand them over, beg him to say no more about it, and think myself very lucky to get off so easily."—ROYAL BROWN, "I'll Be Suing You," *True*, 2-45.

MILITARY—German

A Nazi corporal only 11 yrs of age was taken prisoner at Aachen. An American colonel, after asking the boy his age, exclaimed, "How could an army induct a lad so young?"

The boy replied, "I lied about my age. I told the recruiting officer I was 12."—*Magazine Digest*.



**CONFIDENTIALLY
THRU A
MEGAPHONE**

Indications are that public prints will have little reason to kick on press relations at coming San Francisco conference. State Dep't under Stettinius is showing marked change of attitude and determination to get news to public in clear, understandable form. Complete news bureau is being set up in advance of conference, with Archibald MacLeish and Michael J McDermott in attendance.

Army and Navy public relations men are really up against it for an angle to "sell" public on idea that it is impracticable to release or grant wholesale furloughs to men now fighting in Europe. Considerable number may not even touch U S shores short of Jap victory.

OWI is showing a few selected editors and columnists collection of letters from men at fighting fronts. They're incredibly bitter on strikes, wartime wages, and home-front resentment of rationing, curfew, etc. Many make direct threats of "trouble" when they get back home. Situation is serious and high-ups are frankly concerned.

Veterans Administration is perturbed by survey indicating that only 6% of men now in service plan to take advantage of liberal provisions in G I bill for add'l education. This is especially disconcerting since present fighting forces are youngest U S has ever put into action. It is estimated, unofficially, that 75% are under 25 yrs of age.

The new fashion shade is curfew black, in case you care.

The entire '45 wool crop will be diverted to war uses. Only wool left over from '44 will be available for civilian wearing apparel, according to consumer goods div of OPA.



AVIATION: All-nylon flying suit may save lives of fliers forced down in Arctic where, ordinarily, they would freeze in short time. Cloth coated with secret substance becomes water-tight, air-tight; protects everything but face. In temperature tests, body remained only a few degrees below normal. (*Newsweek*)

COMMUNICATIONS: Cellophane recorder, attachable to microphone, radio, telephone, makes continuous records of conversations or programs on 300-ft cellophane ribbon. May be played back hundreds of times by use of sapphire needle that needs no replacing. (*Science News Letter*)

TRANSPORTATION: Ships without barnacles are now postwar prospect. Hulls are coated with new type paint containing poison injurious to sea life. (*Forbes*)

Automotive engineers are studying automatic tire-inflation design developed for Army's amphibious "duck". These vehicles are equipped with compressor and tank which supplies tires with needed air thru sealed ball-bearing device attached to each wheel. Driver can deflate or inflate tires under water. As truck hits sand or hard road, air pressure can be changed for better traction or speed. If tire is pierced by bullet, full air pressure can be applied to hold up tire temporarily until change can be made. Engineers are considering application to peacetime vehicles. (*Business Wk*)

WAR—Machinery: Automatic gun-charger cocks guns, recognizes ammunition failure, helps dispose of defective round, inserts and fires new one. If gun fails for 8 successive rounds, charge stops all operations. (*General Electric*)

OPTIMISM—PESSIMISM

A certain man was asked to talk to a company of business men about the depression. He tacked up a big sheet of white paper. Then he made a black spot on the paper with his pencil and asked a man in the front row what he saw. The man replied promptly, "A black spot."

The speaker asked every man the same question and each replied, "A black spot." With calm and deliberate emphasis the speaker said: "Yes, there is a little black spot, but none of you saw the big sheet of white paper. That's the point of my speech."—*The Standard*.

PACIFIC—Size

Pacific distances are fabulous. The world's greatest ocean occupies more space than all the land on the globe. It would hold 2 Atlantics and still have room for a few Mediterranean. Better than half of all the world's water is in the Pacific. Its greatest north-south dimension is 9,300 miles and its greatest width 10,300. The sun takes 10 hrs to cross it, nearly half of its circle around the globe.—*WILLARD PRICE*.

PEACE—Peacemaking

It is relatively easy to make a peace that will satisfy only our present generation, but it is infinitely more difficult to make a peace that will insure security for our children and children's children. Peacemakers must have more vision, more daring and statesmanship than war makers.—*Dr Y C JAS YEN*, Chinese educator, speaking on radio program, *Town Meeting of The Air*.

POLITENESS

Politeness in an individual is as necessary as paint on both sides of a fence, for a person, like a fence, faces out as well as in.—*MARCELENE COX*, *Ladies Home Jnl*, 4-45.

RELIGION—Practical

"I'll not take your money, Pastor!" Old John insisted after the Saturday shoe shining was completed. "You shine my soul on Sunday, and I'll shine your shoes on Saturday."

"From that time on," said the minister, "I made a special effort to be helpful in every sermon of

mine and in all my other speaking—to shine people's souls."—*Good Business*.

RELIGION—Sharing

We are anxious to win our friends to our political beliefs or new diet fads, but our religion we keep strictly to ourselves.—*The Upper Room*.

SPEECH—Speaking

Joseph Parker once said to me: "I always begin strong and I end strong, for only your first phrase and your last will be remembered, if remembered at all, by the average listener."—*ELBERT HUBBARD*, *Little Journeys to the Homes of Great Reformers*.

U S MARITIME SERVICE

ADOLF HITLER

SURRENDER DAY

MENU

Persian Rug Supreme, Broadloom Sauce

Cream of Chenille, Reine Margot

Axminister Steak, Yankee Cut
Potted Hooked Oriental

Candied Fiber Squares
Bath Mats Tapestry

Mixed Navajo Salad, Russian Dressing

Apple Pie a la Doormat
Frozen Serape

Bitter Tea
Carpet Tacks Petite Metal Strips

UNDERSTANDING

The mind is like the stomach. It is not how much you put into it that counts but how much it digests.—*A J NICK*.

YOUTH—Understanding

The child's point of view was aptly expressed in a recent essay by a boy. "The world," he wrote, "is full of people who keep on saying 'I was a boy myself once,' but who never show any signs of it."—*JOHN A F WATSON*, *Spectator*.

"I am taking a long breath and drinking out of the sea."

Now that we are again daring to dream of Victory and of Peace, thoughts turn naturally to an earlier era. How was it in the world at this climactic period a generation ago? What high hopes and dread doubts battled confusingly in the minds of men? Few Americans know the story better than RAY STANNARD BAKER. As a representative of our State Dep't he spent the closing yr of war in European capitals. And he was, of course, director of the press bureau of the American Commission to Negotiate Peace.

Now in his 75th yr. Mr Baker has written an autobiography of fascinating detail, *American Chronicle* (Scribner, \$3.50). From its pages we bring you these brief, revealing notes:

I soon began to see more clearly the dilemma that faced President Wilson. How could he work with the old imperialistic gov'ts which were bitterly opposed if not actually hated by the masses, and attain the democratic objectives which he and the liberal forces were passionately demanding?

"Wilson has yet to prove his greatness," I wrote in my notes some days before the Armistice. "Can he dominate this seething mass of suspicion and disbelief? No European statesman, I am firmly convinced, believes in his inner soul that Wilson's program is anything but a wild dream, very pretty, but quite outside the realm of practical politics. They are secretly irritated by the preponderance of Wilson in diplomacy. . . They don't like it, but they cannot help it. . .

Another problem presents itself sharply: when it comes to the crucial point, can we Americans trust ourselves? Do we really believe what Wilson preaches? Are we willing to make real sacrifices and take on responsibilities to bring about the new heaven and the new earth?"

I venture to put down still another extract from my notes written during those chaotic days:

"Occasionally in Wilson I see a likeness to those rare moralists and idealists who from time to time have appeared upon the earth and for a moment, and in a burst of strange power, have temporarily lifted erring mankind to a higher pitch of comportment than it was quite equal to. I mean such leaders as Calvin, Savonarola, and Cromwell. . . We will reform the old world, bring permanent peace, give all peoples freedom, make all men

"For all people are cruel with their heroes. They will pull them apart to see whether they have good, hard heroic material all the way thru. . . Who cannot stand triumph? Let us see him in disgrace, with the crowd reviling him. They become impatient with his justness, fret at his idealism, chafe under his discipline, and finally, they will turn upon him and rend him. Will the memory of him live thru all that? Then let it live. They will bow knee to him forever afterward."

equal politically, and women the equal of men. We will stop intemperance by legislation, and destroy vice by advertising. I wonder—I wonder—and recall the old Norse fable of the God Thor, when he was guest of the ancient Earth Giants, drinking out of the sea. Well, the old myth says that Thor lowered the sea. And Cromwell changed England—a little—and Calvin the Swiss—for a time. Nothing, I think, is ever accomplished without an excess of faith, an excess of energy, an excess of passion. Wilson will do much. America will do much. We may even realize the League of Nations of the prophet's dream. But as I sit here today and look out over the roofs of old Rome, where in the distance rise the ruined baths of Diocletian, and the Colosseum with the weathered marbles of triumphant age, it seems to me I see the Earth Giants smile furtively, indulgently, as one smiles at youth. I cannot look upon it without a kind of love, for I, too, am a part of it; I am for the ultimate fling of this glorious excess.



GEMS FROM

Yesteryear

Death of Lincoln

WM CULLEN BRYANT

This wk marks the 80th anniversary of the death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. The newly-inaugurated President was shot at Ford's Theater, in Washington, on the evening of Apr 14, 1865. He died the following day. Public prints were of course flooded with poetical eulogies. Among the few that have survived is this tribute by a pioneer American poet, who was at that time in his 71st year.

Oh, slow to smite and swift to spare,
Gentle and merciful and just!
Who, in fear of God, didst bear
The sword of power, a nation's
trust!

In sorrow by thy bier we stand,
Amid the awe that hushes all,
And speak the anguish of a land
That shook with horror at thy fall.

Thy task is done; the bond are free:
We bear thee to an honored grave,
Whose proudest monument shall be
The broken fetters of the slave.

Pure was thy life; its bloody close
Hath placed thee with the sons of
light,
Among the noble host of those
Who perished in the cause of
Right.

There is too little passion upon this earth, too little glorious and unrepentant living, too little faith in that which is beautifully impossible. It is a gorgeous age we live in, one that will never be forgotten. I thank God I am a part of it, that I, too, am taking a long breath and drinking out of the sea."

The editor of a country weekly employed a correspondent who frequently forgot essential details in the stories he filed. Ye Ed sharply warned him to get names in his dispatches. Several days later the correspondent filed this: "Due to possibility of there being rabies spread in this town, our police force has rounded up four dogs. Their names are Towser, Rover, Fido and Prince."—*Hollywood Reporter*.

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Army paratroopers were practicing their jumps in a backwoods region. A parachutist started to come down on a field, near which lived an old mountaineer and 15 children. One of the youngsters saw the parachute floating down with a man attached to it, and he ran into the house yelling: "Bring your shotgun Pappy—the darn stork is bringin' 'em fullgrowned now!"—*Farm and Ranch Review*.



In a yr, says a statistic, the average American girl buys 3.5 hats. Easter being past, she can now buy the other three.—*Detroit News*.

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Looks like Hitler's supermen can't hold out much longer unless we agree to lend-lease them some roller skates. — DAVE BOONE.

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An optimist is a man who gets treed by a lion but enjoys the scenery.—WALTER WINCHELL.

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A dollar doesn't go as far as it used to—but it goes much faster.—*Banking*.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

BOBBY COLTRIN

Major League Baseball Scout

If I am ever asked to name the laziest man I have encountered in my travels, I'll have no hesitancy at all in handing the palm to a pitcher I encountered in Arkansas, while I was umpiring a ball game.

This pitcher took his stance facing the plate and never altered direction in the slightest degree. During the course of the game he addressed me on the hill, speaking out of the corner of his mouth: "Anybody on base?" I answered: "One." When he followed this with the query, "Which base?" I was pretty sure I had met my champion. "Second base," I answered. And his third question cinched the title: "How big a lead has he got?"

In civilian air circles a "short" is a non-priority passenger who must be removed from a flight if a heavy priority passenger comes along. If possible, what is known as "protection" is given them. Arrangements are made to continue the journey by a later flight, by train, pony cart or whatever is available.

Recently a young stewardess, unfamiliar with flight vernacular, went to work for American Airlines. An hr out of Chicago she rec'd by radio the following instructions: "Prepare to remove shorts at Detroit. No protection." For a while she was quite unhappy about it all.—MARCIA WINN, *Chicago Tribune*.

When War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes submitted his resignation to President Roosevelt, he told the press this story to illustrate how he felt:

A South Carolina farmer hired a man to dig postholes. The fellow cleaned up the job in jig time, came back next day and cleared stumps in record order.

The 3rd day the farmer rewarded him with an easy job—sorting good and bad potatoes. After about 3 hrs the chap fainted. Revived, he exclaimed:

"Oh, the job was easy enough—but those damn decisions just mowed me down!"—*AP Dispatch*.

